

CROMWELL YOUTH SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2018

Present: Eric Richardson, Kym Banton, Jeannine Marron, Jason Tolton, Maggie Schuffer,

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm

Review of Minutes Approved

Administrator's Report:

None

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Program Report:

Kym Banton talked about the Service Review Team (SRT) and reported that there have been consistent SRT referrals for the Town of Cromwell. She also stated that there was one SRT in June. Eric Richardson informed Jeannine Marron that she would be a helpful resource for the family that had an SRT in June. Jeannine said that Eric Richardson could give the family her contact information. Kym Banton stated that she believes that the SRT process will continue to be utilized since Cromwell Schools are aware of the process.

Eric Richardson conversed about Kin Care. Eric reported that June's meeting was an "end of the year" celebration for the Kin Care group. Pizza and other food items were provided to the group. The members also received a goodie bag for their participation. Eric also encouraged the board to reach out and encourage individuals to attend who would benefit from the Kin Care group. Kin Care will resume in the Fall.

Eric talked about the students that he mentors at Edna Stevens School. He mentioned that he was working with four male students at Edna Stevens and that his last meeting with the students was on June 6th. Eric stated that the school asked him to work with the students again next school year.

Eric reported that Youth Services is overseeing the mentor program that is at Woodside Intermediate School. Eric is seeking to revamp and expand the mentor program therefore, he met with Dr. Mentor. Dr. Mentor reviewed the mentor program and talked about trainings for the mentors. There will be training in the summer for new mentors and a refresher for returning mentors. Youth Services is also in search of additional mentors. Eric Richardson has reached out to Cromwell Police for mentors and will also reach out to Cromwell Fire Department. Eric also reported that there was an end of the year pizza party for the Mentees and Mentors on June 5th. Eric stated that the mentees families were invited as well.

Eric discussed the Babysitter/Home Alone Skills course that will be held from July 9th-July 13th at the Coles Road Fire Station. Eric mentioned that ten youth are registered for this course.

Eric said that Youth Services are trying to bring a Life Skills series to the youth in Cromwell. Eric asked for some suggestions regarding topics and Jeannine Marron stated having a topic on learning how to do a tie. Officer Tolton mentioned helping youth learning how to shave. A class on hygiene and etiquette was also discussed. The board agreed that Life Skills classes would be beneficial.

Eric talked about the Teen Volunteer program that Youth Services and Cromwell Library has implemented. Teens are able to volunteer in the Senior Center, Human Services, and Library. Eric

reported that teens have signed up to complete volunteer hours and that there will be an orientation scheduled soon.

Eric reported on the Mother-Daughter event that was held in May. Eric stated that thirteen daughters attended with their mothers. He also mentioned that the middle school health teacher, Mrs. Bosworth led the presentation.

Eric talked about the Vaping presentation that was put on by Youth Services with the help of Cromwell High School. Eric reported that the presentation was informative and helpful and that the parents who attended had several questions. However, Eric stated that it was not well attended and that there were only fifteen-twenty parents in attendance.

Old Business:

Jeannine Marron introduced herself and stated that she will be a part of the Advisory Board meetings. Jeannine also stated that she sits on the SRT and will be attempting to bring a support group/ yoga therapy. Jeannine will be working with Youth Services on these programs.

Eric mentioned that Emily is an employee at the Town Library and that she will attend the Advisory Board when her schedule allows. Emily is collaborating with Youth Services.

Eric discussed that Jeannine is working on a support group. Kym Banton is interested in having a Circle of Security support group. She also mentioned the Restorative Justice Circle being implemented into the schools of Cromwell.

New Business:

Eric asked the board if they were interested in meeting in July or August. Officer Tolton expressed that the summer would be difficult due to his schedule. The members thought August would be best but recommended that Eric reach out to the other members that were not present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Richardson